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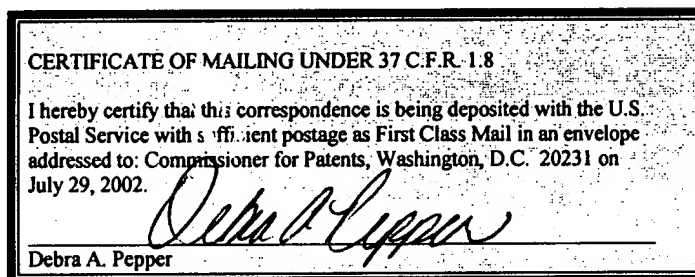
Art Unit: 1616

Examiner: John D. Pak

For: **HIGHLY ACIDIC METALATED ORGANIC ACID**

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 28, 2002, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute in this application Group I, comprising Claims 1-13, drawn to an acidic composition with specific acidity and normality requirements.

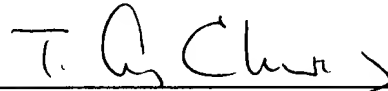
For examination purposes, Applicants further elect the disclosed species of (i) polyvalent cation, such as magnesium or zinc, (ii) organic acid such as lactic acid, and (iii) anion of strong oxyacid such as sulfuric acid.

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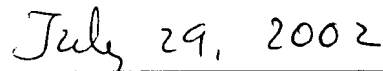
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Groups II and III are canceled pending the filing of divisional applications.

Respectfully submitted,



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